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Support to Food Processing Industries
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing financial, technical and logistic support to entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing units producing herbal, horticulture and floriculture products across the country;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to improve skill development of persons especially youths engaged in food processing industries and introduce degree and diploma courses in this sector and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government for creation of infrastructure, storage and marketing facilities in food processing sector and to maintain quality and packaging standards of processed food products manufactured in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a number of schemes for setting up of Food Processing Industries and creation of infrastructure for food processing along the entire supply and value chain with the objective to the arrest post harvest losses of horticulture non horticulture produce and providing remunerative price to farmers for their produce. The major schemes are given below:
(i) Scheme for Mega Food Park (Central Sector Scheme) for creating modern infrastructure facilities (i.e. Primary Processing Centers, Collection Centres (CCs) and common facilities and enabling infrastructure at Central Processing Centre) for the industries in the food processing sector in the country along the entire supply and value chain. The admissible grant under the scheme for Mega Food Park is in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of eligible project cost in general areas and @ 75 % of eligible project cost in NE Region and difficult areas (Hilly States and ITDP areas) subject to Maximum of Rs. 50 Crore per project.

(ii) Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for setting up of integrated Cold Chain Infrastructure (Central Sector Scheme) for arresting post harvest losses of perishable horticulture and non horticulture produce. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided in the form of grant −in-aid of maximum Rs. 10 Crore per project for setting up of integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities without any break from the farm gate to the consumer.

(iii) Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries was implemented up to 31.03.2012 and thereafter, the same was subsumed in the Centrally sponsored Scheme (CSS)-National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) with effect from 01.04.2012 till 31.03.2015. Subsequently, the said scheme got delinked from Government of India's assistance and it was left to the State Governments to decide on its continuance from their increased resource as per recommendation of 14th Finance Commission.

The details of the pattern of assistance provided under the above schemes are given in Annexure −I.
(b) The State wise details of grant-in-aid disbursed by the Ministry under major Schemes during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-II to V.
(c) Ministry of Food Processing industries is working in close collaboration with Food Industries Capacity and Skill Initiative (FICSI) the sector skill council (SSC) in the Food Processing and regularly guiding and assisting in achieving the objective of improving the skill development of persons involved in Food Processing Industries. The FICSI is working on identification of job roles and competencies required for each job role so as to develop National Occupational Standards (NOS) for different sectors of food processing namely Fruits and Vegetables, Food Grain Milling (including Oilseeds), Dairy Products, Meat and Poultry, Fish & Sea Food, Bread and Bakery and Beverages.
In addition National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) and Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) offer academic programme i.e Bachelor's Master's and Ph. D. Degrees in food processing. These institutes are also conducting regular programmes / courses on skill development and entrepreneurship for the youth, farmers, self help groups and

industry on self financing mode and also sponsored progemmes by various organizations including PMKVY. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is very keen on entrepreneurship among various groups through skilling / Capacity building, outreach programmes and village adoption programme by the two institutions under this Ministry.

(d) The schemes mentioned in the reply to part (a) facilitates creation of infrastructure, storage and marketing facilities in the Food Processing sector.

For maintaining quality and packaging standards of processed food products manufactured in the country, the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India under Ministry of Health and Family welfare has already notified the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 and Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011. Through these regulations the quality and packaging standard of processed are ensured.

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